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# News Release

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## Michigan September 1 Crop Forecast

Warmer weather during early August combined with timely rainfall during the middle of the month have resulted in a more positive outlook for Michigan crops, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. This report is based on conditions as of September 1, 2015. Some highlights of the Crop Production Report are as follows:

- The average corn yield in Michigan is expected to be 164 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from 2014. If realized, this would be a new record yield for Michigan.
- For soybeans, a yield of 47 bushels per acre is expected, a 1 bushel increase from last month's estimate.
- Sugarbeet producers expect a yield of 31.5 tons per acre, up 2.2 tons from 2014.
- Nationally, corn production is forecast at 13.6 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year's record production and down less than 1 percent from the August forecast. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 167.5 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from the August forecast and 3.5 bushels from 2014 average. If realized, this will be the second highest yield and third largest production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.1 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but down 2 percent from 2014.
- U.S. soybean production is forecast at 3.94 billion bushels, up slightly from August but down 1 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 47.1 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushels from last month but down 0.7 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at a record 83.5 million acres, unchanged from August but up less than 1 percent from last year.
- National production of sugarbeets for the 2015 crop year in the ten major producing states is forecast at 34.6 million tons, up 10 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 30.2 tons per acre, an increase of 2.8 ton from last year. If realized, this will be a record yield for the United States.

### Acres by Crop, Michigan and United States: 2013-2015

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Corn, all						
Planted .....1,000 acres	2,600	2,550	2,500	95,365	90,597	88,897
Corn, grain						
Harvested .....1,000 acres	2,230	2,210	2,130	87,451	83,136	81,101
Yield ..... Bushels	155.0	161.0	164.0	158.1	171.0	167.5
Production ..... 1,000 bu	345,650	355,810	349,320	13,828,964	14,215,532	13,584,945
Soybeans						
Planted .....1,000 acres	1,930	2,150	2,100	76,840	83,701	84,339
Harvested .....1,000 acres	1,920	2,140	2,090	76,253	83,061	83,549
Yield ..... Bushels	44.5	43.0	47.0	44.0	47.8	47.1
Production ..... 1,000 bu	85,440	92,020	98,230	3,357,984	3,968,823	3,935,277
Sugarbeets						
Planted .....1,000 acres	154	151	152	1,198	1,163.4	1,159.8
Harvested .....1,000 acres	153	150	151	1,154	1,147	1,144
Yield ..... Tons	26.2	29.3	31.5	28.4	27.4	30.2
Production ..... 1,000 tons	4,009	4,395	4,757	32,789	31,365	34,573